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## **REMARKS**

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-10 and 21-36, canceling the claims of Group II, 11-20.

The foregoing amendments place the application in condition for examination on the merits, and so entry and early consideration are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims or the additional of independent claims in excess of three) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 10-1213 and the undersigned is requested to be notified of any such charges.

Applicant's new counsel has also enclosed an Authorization/Power form authorizing actions before the Patent and Trademark Office.

Should the Examiner have any questions, he is requested to contact the undersigned.

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